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ACTIVITY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated March 31, 2005, wherein the Examiner has required an election of claims, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in

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the present application the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicants have complied with the sole requirement in the Official Action and now respectfully request an action on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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